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Mysore Residency

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Subject

mployment of Sisters of Charity at the Bowring Civil Hospital.

Previous References

Later References.

7194/85

2 May

My dear Wylie

I hear that there is some difficulty about the house which it was proposed to secure for the accommodation of the Sisters of Charity who are coming out as Nurses for the Bowring Hospital. The Sisters will be in Bangalore (next Friday probably) immediately - and the matter should be arranged without ginning of June, is a leisure time to get ready. Please also consult Dr Hinston on the subject and let me know kindly what is settled

Yours sincerely

J. D. [illegible]

Please write officially to Dr Houston, with reference to former correspondence, and inform him of the result - and ask him to be so good as to make further enquiries for a suitable house.

I have been informed that there is a suitable house available in the vicinity. As I wrote recently to the Assistant Resident, I can

10: May

Dear Mr Sandford

You will be sorry to see the Genl's decision in this case!

The Sisters are very short & I expected to have old Benson to look about & see if any house can be got for them

I send you up previous correspondence to enable you to understand the case I hope. Yrs sincerely

H. W.

Please ascertain whether any accommodation is available or can be procured close to the Bowring Hospital for 3 sisters.

Is there any fund from which a suitable allowance could be made? Probably if the sisters came, some saving in ~~[illegible]~~ the existing establishment could be effected

Mr Vittal. Please consult

Dr Bhagwan on this matter

and let me know

what he says. and

also let me see the

schedule of the existing

establishment.

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CIVIL & MILITARY STA[illegible]
11 JAN. 88
B[illegible]
MUNICIPAL OFFICE

My dear Clarke

I am sorry that my fellows here have given you trouble about the letter $\frac{1986}{536}$ d. 16 Oct. 85, Residency Surgeon, as it must have

4 Augt 60

My dear Cunningham

When you have got the papers out ~~[illegible]~~ which you alluded to in your note received this morning — will you send them me with this note. Colonel Johnson holds 2. Ist — that Regn 1. the 9th may does not apply in Mysore — and as I am

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(General Serial No. 31.)

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From The Lady Superior
Convent of the Good

To Shepherd

Dated

Despatched

Received

Enclosures No.

General No.
No.

Gives permission
of the Mother [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

Convent du Bon Pasteur
le 28 Fevrier 1881

Sir,

I beg that you will accept my most grateful thanks for your kind letter and the interest you have so kindly taken in the subject that I have proposed for the consideration of Jas. Gordon Chief Commission of Mysore. With such influence as yours, in concurrence from the present outlay; such is my opinion.

I recommend the good work in an especial manner to you, feeling sure you will use your influence regarding the matter with Mr Gordon the Chief Commr. of Mysore

Again thanking you for your very great kindness.

I have the honor to be.

Your most Obedient Servant
Sr. Mary of the Visitation
Superioress

Proceedings of the Dewan of Mysore.

Read

Letter No. 318 of the 14th June 1881 from Surgeon Major J. Houston M.D., submitting proposals for an increase to the Establishment and Contingent Charges of the Lying-in-Hospital at Bangalore.

Order thereon No. 2370/21 d/ Bangalore, 21st June 1881.

* * * *

2. In Connection with this subject, a proposal made by the Lady Superior of the Convent of the Good Shepherd at Bangalore for the Sisters of Charity of that Mission taking charge of the patients in the Lying-in-hospital should be taken into Consideration. Dr. Henderson should be called upon to report on the subject, with the details of the arrangements proposed, in communication with the Lady Superior.

True extract.

No. 15

The Maternity Bangalore
15th July 1881.

From

Surgeon Major J. Henderson M.D.
In charge the Maternity Bangalore

To,

Surgeon Major J. Houston M.D.
Surgeon to the Mysore Government
Bangalore.

Sir,

In Continuation of my letter No. ~~14~~ 13. F 29th June 1881 I have the honor to state that since then I have received a Communication from the Lady Superior of the Convent in which she expressly states that the "Sisters of Charity", cannot undertake the management of the nursing in a purely "Maternity" Hospital, but only if in Connection with a General Hospital.

2. She also asks the following questions

1. Which Hospital or Hospitals will be Confided to the Sisters?
2. How many "Sisters" will be required for a beginning.
3. Shall they have their separate lodgings near the Hospital
4. Will they receive a sufficient remuneration to enable them to live decently, as the Sisters

of Charity have no other means of support
than what Government may allow them.

3. I have casually replied to these questions that the management of the nursing of the Bowring Hospital would be given to them at first, and afterwards of any other Institution which might be suited for them. that 3 or 4 Sisters would be enough to begin with – and for the last two questions I have merely said that I presume the Government would willingly undertake to provide suitable accommodation and remuneration.

4. But as these sisters of Charity are to be brought out from Europe on purpose for this work, it appears to me that it is neceſsary they should have some more expreſs and authoritative answer or declaration of what they are to expect from Government when they come.

5. I beg therefore that this matter may be brought before the Resident and before the Government of Mysore in order that a more definite decision may be come to, and something more authoritative on the last two points communicated to the Lady Superior, lest mistakes should

afterwards

afterwards arise

6. The Quarters and remuneration required by the "Sisters" are on but a small and modest scale.

I have &c

(Sd) J. Henderson. M.D.
Surgeon Major
In charge the Maternity Bungalow

True Copy

Proceedings of the Dewan of Mysore

Read

Docket No. 381 of the 6th July 1881 from Surgeon Major J. Houston, M.D. forwarding for orders Copy of Dr. Henderson's letter regarding the proposed increase of Establishment and diet and Contingent Charges in the Lying-in-hospital at Bangalore.

Order thereon No. $\frac{3320}{25}$ of Bangalore, 20th July 1881.

x x x x

x x The question of the employment of the Sisters of Charity need not, under the circumstances stated, be considered at present.

True Extract.

Convent of the Good Shepherd
Bangalore 14th July 1881.

Dear Sir

Sometime ago I had the honor of writing to you about the Hospitals at Bangalore proposing to apply to Europe for „Sisters of Charity" as Nurses, whose skilfulness and tender care towards the sick are worldwide known.

Not having received a reply to my petition, which had been sent inopportunely during the time when the many changes in the Mysore Government must have increased your numerous and multifarious occupations my letter may have been overlooked.

I take therefore again the liberty

To Mr Cunningham
Private Secretary to
The Chief Commissioner
Of Mysore

Sir,

I beg to submit for your kind consideration and through you to Mr Gordon's, the Chief Commissioner of Mysore; a plan to which I have given, since long, my most serious attention: - but, a plan, that cannot be fully carried out, without the aid of Government.

The Chief Commissioners of Mysore, hav always been instrumental in procuring for the Government, the many benefits that hav had been conferred on the Establishment of th Good Shepherd Convent; - by the weight o their influence, and by supporting the petitio which, from time to time, I have had the hono of confiding to their patronage: and in

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1881.

From The Lady Superio
Convent

To

Dated 2d February.

Despatched

Received 4th February.

Enclosures No.

General No.

No.

States that it is under contemplatio to establish an Hospital adjoining the Convent attende to by the Sisters & requests to be informed if the Govt. would aid the undertaking

Dated 1st August /81.—

1008
202.

To

The Dewan

Sir

The Offic. Resident having learnt that proposals have been officially made to you in the matter of employing Sisters of Charity as trained Nurses in the different hospitals in Bangalore I am directed to request that you will favour him with those proposals in so far as they relate to the Bowring hospital.

Have &c

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(General Serial No. 31.)

1881

From

To The Dewan of Mys

Dated 1st August.

Despatched 2 ———

Received

Enclosures No

General No. 1008

No. 202

Requesting to
favoured with the
-posals, of employing
Sisters of Charity as
trained Nurses, in so
far as they relate to
the Bowring hospital

The Maternity Bangalore.

No 15

15th July 1881.

From.
Surgeon Major J. Henderson
In charge the Maternity Bangalore

To
Surgeon Major J. Houston. M.D.
Surgeon to the Mysore Govt.
Bangalore

Sir,

In continuation of my letter No 13 of 29th June 1881, I have the honor to state that since then I have received a communication from the Lady Superior of the Convent in which she expressly states that the "Sisters of Charity" cannot undertake the management of the nursing in a purely "Maternity" Hospital, but only if in connection with a General Hospital.

2. She also asks the following questions
1. Which "Hospital or Hospitals will be confided to the Sisters."
2. How many "Sisters" will be required for a beginning. — 3. Number?
3. Shall they have their separate lodgings near the Hospital. — Lodging
4. Will they receive a sufficient remuneration to enable them to live decently, as the Sisters of Charity — allowance

have no other means of support than
what Government may allow them.

3. I have casually replied to these
questions that the engagement of the
nursing of the Bowring Hospital would
be given to them at first, and
afterwards of any other Institution
which might be suited for them - that
3 or 4 Sisters would be enough to begin
with - and for the last two questions,
I have merely said that I presume the
Government would willingly undertake
to provide suitable accommodation and
remuneration -

4. But as these Sisters of Charity are
to be brought out from Europe on purpose
for this work, it appears to me that it
is necessary they should have some more
express and authoritative answer
or declaration of what they are to
expect from Government when
they come.

5. I beg therefore that this matter
may be brought before the Resident
and before the Government of
Mysore

No. 3791/66

Office of the Dewan of Mysore

From,

The Secretary to the Dewan to
His Highness the Maha
Rajah of Mysore

To

The Assistant to the
Resident in Mysore.

Dated Bangalore 6th August 1881

Sir,

In reply to your letter No. 1008/202 of the 1st Instant, I have the honor by desire of the Dewan to forward the accompanying Copy of Dr. Henderson's letter No. 15th of the 15th Ultimo, regarding the proposed employment of the Sisters of Charity as Nurses in the Bangalore Hospitals.

I have the honor to be,
Sir
Your Most Obedient Servant

Secretary

(General-Serial No. 30.)

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From

The Secretary to the Dewan
of Mysore.

to

The Assistant to the
Resident in Mysore

Dated 6th August. 1881

Despatched

Received 10th " "

Enclosures No.

General No. 3791
No. 66

Forward copy of a letter from Dr. Henderson regarding the employment of the Sisters of Charity as Nurses in the Bangalore Hospitals.

Vide [illegible]
No. 1863 of 31-8-81
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My Dear Mr. Sandford.

As requested in your note of yesterday I send copies of correspondence regarding the employment of Sisters of Charity in Hospitals.

In answer to a proposal for an increase to the establishment and contingent charges of the Maternity here, the Dean on the 21st June asked that Dr. Henderson should be called upon to report upon a proposal to employ Sisters of Charity at that hospital. Dr. Henderson answered on the 29th June and 15th July. The letter of the 15th July contains all the information of interest. I sent it on to the Dewan for consideration and for communication to the Resident.

Believe me,
Yours sincerely
Houston.

29th Jan

L. D. Sandford Esq
Actg Resident.

The Deacon tells me he has forwarded to our office a copy of the letter addressed to him regarding employment of nurses in the Barring Hospital.

~~WJ~~ Will you please send us papers.

WJ 8/8

Letter from Deacons office dated 6th was received at the ~~office~~ this day at 20 minutes after 10 o'clock. A.B.R. 10/8/81.

I haven't seen this yet has it come? 9/8 WJR

Convent of the Good Shephe
Bangalore 18th Aug./81

Dear Sir

I took some informations regarding the intentions of the Municipality to establish dispensaries in the Cantonement, and the Priest who had told me of it, assured me again that almost the

from Lady Superior
1st Augt 1881

be sufficient, but as they are
Day and night occupied around
their sick, they should be occasion-
ally be replaced in order not
to succumb to the fatigue
in this hot climate, and five
Sisters would not be too many.

2. His Lordship the Bishop
told me he had mentioned to
you the sum of 30 Rs being
sufficient for the maintenance
of each Sister. This seems to
be rather scanty. The French
not mistaken
towards our proposal

~~This being rather a question~~
~~of philanthropy and Christian~~

As we had no official answe
yet, we have been unable to
ask for Sisters, but I have no doub
that if we apply for them, they
will gladly accept our offer and
come out as soon as Govt woul
desire it.

Hoping you will be able
to give a satisfactory reply
Believe me with kindest
regards

Dear Sir

Yours respectfully.
Sr. Mary of the Visitation
Superior

P.S. It is out of question that
Govt shall only be bound to give the
bove mentioned allowance to the
umber of Sisters required by it

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1881

From The Lady Superior

To The Offg Resident

Dated 12 + 18th August

Despatched

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. Two notes
No.

Memorandum regarding the employment of Sisters of ~~Mercy~~ at the Bowring Civil Hospital

In returning herewith the correspondence regarding the proposal of employing 3 Sisters of ~~Mercy~~ at the Bowring Hospital, I am of opinion that if the sanction of Government could be obtained for their employment they would be of the greatest possible service, not only in nursin but in looking after the food and clothing of th patients; and I think that every possible means should be employed in order to get them. I spoke to the Lady Superior on the subject and she tells me that the sisters would be trained nurses capable of dressing wounds, setting fractures and attending to minor accidents and in addition nursing the sick, superintending the distributio of food and clothes which has heretofore been left almost entirely to natives. The Lady Superio said that Rs 40/ per mensem to each sister is all that would be required; but as there is no house accommodation for them in the Bowring Hospital a house in the vicinity wou have to be hired and I think one which wou meet their wants could be got for from 30 to 4 a month, so that the employment of 3 nurses would entail an additional monthly expenditure of Rs 160/; and the question arises from what source this extra expense to be met from.

The present Establishment at the Bowring Hospital, not including the Medical Staff is in itself barely sufficient to meet all requirements so that no reduction on that head can be expected. The only source from which I think a saving could be effected, is by replacing 3 of the Hospital Assistants by these sisters as I opine that they would be equally capable of doing the work of Hospital Assistants, at the same time being much more zealous in the performance of it (this is of course providing they are thoroughly trained nurses). By this means a saving of some 75 Rs a month might be effected so that Rs 85 still remains to be made up. The Budget Estimate for 1881/82 does not include Mr Pereira's pay which will have to be paid by the Local Government so that even if he were to go no saving would be effected. I do not know whether the Municipality would feel inclined to allow a sum of Rs 85 per mensem, I think however that they might with justice subscribe something towards the support of Bowring Hospital. If no other source from which the money can be obtained other than that of Government can be found I think the sooner the question is referred to the Government of India for sanction so much the better as the employment of nurses at the Bowring Hosp. will, I feel convinced, materially benefit all classes of persons who apply for relief

Residency Surgeon

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Memorandum. Employment
of Sisters of Charity at the
Bowring Hospital
(Dr. [illegible])

Memorandum. Regarding
the Employment of S. C.
at the Bowring Hospl

Address Dr Houston with reference to his docket ~~letter~~ No 381 ~~378~~ of 6 July ~~14 June~~ 186 and to the letter from Dr Henderson enclosed therein in regard to the proposal made for the employment of Sisters of Charity ~~to~~ as nurses at the Bowring Hospital

In regard ~~reply~~ to the request ~~question~~, made ~~asked~~ by Dr Henderson that some definite ~~order~~ definite decision may be come to on this matter ~~question~~ and some authoritative determination made as to the conditions of their employment say that I approve, as I have reason to believe

~~did~~ did Sir James Gordon, of the reply made by Dr Henderson to the Lady Superior viz that the nursing of the Bombay Hospital should be given to the Sisters. and, I also agree with Dr Henderson that the Govt should provide the Sisters with accommodation and with the allowance which has been named ? suitable viz 44/ p.m. to each of the 3 Sisters.

Ask Dr Houston to be good enough to enquire whether accommodation can be procured for the Sisters close to the Hospital, and if so on what terms. I have been

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informed that each nurse ~~[illegible]~~ is absolutely in receipt of 30/ p.m. by the hospital, ~~and~~ but I should wish to receive ~~a~~ certain information on the point.

Although [illegible] not propose at present to make reduction in the ~~[illegible]~~ medical staff of ~~Hospital~~ Hospital allowance to the Hospital ~~[illegible]~~ it might be possible hereafter to make some reduction in this, or some other, respect, ~~[illegible]~~ when they have experience of the work of the Sisters & Nurses ~~[illegible]~~ is in

The [illegible] ~~be consulted~~ requested to give his opinion as to the possibility of making any reductions, now or hereafter, in ~~[illegible]~~ any part of the establishment, so as in some degree to meet the additional expenditure

~~Bus~~

WJ 24/8.

Address also the President of the Municipality with reference to the former correspondence ending with No 14 D/ 18 April 1879. Say that a proposal has been ~~made~~ forwarded ~~by the [illegible] [illegible]~~ ~~which was approved by Sir James Gordon,~~ ~~and forwarded~~ for the consideration of the [illegible] which was ~~2 lakhs~~ approved by Sir James Gordon and is approved of the Medical Officer in charge of the Hospital for the employment of Sisters of Charity as nurses at the Bowring Hospital. There is no doubt that this measure would meet a very crying want in the Hospital ~~as~~ there being at present no proper provision for attendance on the patients. and as better nurses could be formed than Sisters who are specially trained for the work: I believe that the municipality does not at present contribute anything to the maintenance of the Bombay Hospitals –

[(I do not think any better use could for the present be made of the sum of 1900/ Rs per annum which under the order of the 18th Apr 1879 ought to be set apart by the municipality for charitable purposes out of the Land Revenue assigned to the municipality, but which does not appear as yet to have been devoted to any special purpose.)]

[It would be necessary to provide

accommodation for the sisters near the Hospital, and this it is believed can be procured at a monthly rent of from 30 to 40 Rupees per mensem. It is also necessary to make an allowance for the remuneration or salary the subsistence of the sisters at the same rate. As less than 3 could not be obtained, the total cost would amount to between 150/ and 160/ p.m.]

I wish to be informed whether ~~his proposal~~ I am right in assuming the

the sum mentioned has not as yet been allotted to any definite purpose, and whether the proposal herein would meet with the approval of the Commission.

No 1365
484.

Ed
30/8/81

To
Surgeon Major J. Houston MB

Sir,

The Dewan of Mysore having forwarded to the Resident a copy of letter No. 15 dated 15th July written to you by Dr. Henderson on the subject of the employment of Sisters of Charity as nurses in the Bowring hospital I am directed to convey certain observations & instructions of the Offg. Resident in the matter.

2. Dr. Henderson ~~states~~ urges that some more definite decision ~~may~~ should be come to & more authoritative determination made as to the conditions of the Employment of the sisters than he was in a position to intimate to the Lady Superior when she addressed him. As to the I am to inform you that

Mr. Sandford approves, as also he has reason to believe Sir James Gordon approved, of Dr. Henderson reply to the Lady Superior, viz; that the nursing at the Bowring hospital shld be entrusted to the Sisters. Mr. Sandford also agrees with Dr. Henderson in thinking that the Govt shd provide the sisters with accommodation, and with the allowance which has been named as suitable; R 40 per mensem to each of the Sisters.

I am directed to ask you if accommodation can be procured for the Sisters close to the hospital, and if so on what terms. Mr. Sandford has been informed that a suitable house can be obtained

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(General Serial No. 31.)

1881

From

To The President of the Munl. Comn.
C&M Station Bangalore

Dated 31st August 1881
Despatched 1st Septr/81
Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 1363
No. 483.

Proposing utilization of the moiety of proceeds of Municipal Kandayem lands in the employment of Sisters of Charity as nurses in the Bowring hospital and requesting to know whether the sum is unallotted to any purpose, what is the amt & how invested and whether the proposal meets with the appl. of the Comrs.

No. 1360/483

Office of the Resident Mysore
Bangalore 31 Augt/81

To
The President of the Munic. Comm.
C. & M. Station of Bangalore

Sir,

With reference to former correspondence which ended with the Chf Comr of Mysore's order No. $\frac{236}{M.14}$ d 18 April 1879 on the subject of assigning half the realizations from Kandayam lands situated within Municipal limits to a charitable purpose I am directed to inform you that a proposal has been forwarded for the consideration of the Resident for the ~~emp~~ employment of Sisters of Charity as nurses in the Bowring hospital.

The scheme met with the approval of Sir James Gordon; it is also approved of by the Surgeon in Charge, & Mr. Sandford is ready

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WJ 30/8/81 C. Mem. No.
No. L 44 ([illegible])

Understand that the Assistant Resident is aware of this. I cannot myself speak distinctly [illegible]
WJ
[illegible]

to bring it into operation provided the necessary funds can be obtained There is no doubt that this measure would meet a very crying want at the hospital, there being at present no proper provision for attendance on the patients, and no better nurses could be found than these Sisters who are specially trained for the work.

3. It would be necessary to provide accommodation for the Sisters near the hospital; and this it is believed can be procured at a monthly rent of 30 or 40 rupees. It is also necessary to make an allowance for the remuneration, or rather the subsistence of the Sisters. Less than three could not be obtained and

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Office of the Municipal Commission
Civil and Military Station,
Bangalore, 3rd Sept 1881.

From
The President,
Municipal Commission
Civil and Military Station
Bangalore,

To
The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.
Bangalore.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. $\frac{1863}{489}$ of 31 ultimo relating to the Establishment of Sisters of Charity as Nurses in the Bowring Civil Hospital and requesting to be informed what amount is now available in the Moiety of Revenue on Cundayam lands set apart for Charitable purposes and in reply I beg to state that a Sum of Rs. 4793 „ 8 „ 7 is held in Deposit at the Madras Bank as directed in (late) Chief Commissioners Proceedings No. $\frac{6972}{R1212}$ of 27 March 1880 on the above account.

The above Communication will be laid before the Meeting of the Municipal Commission in this month and their decision in the matter duly Communicated to you after the meeting of

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your Most obedient Servant

President Municipal Comm
Civ Stn Bangalore

Form No. 73

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From

The President,
Municipal Commission,
Civil and Military Station,
Bangalore.

To

The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore,
Banga

Dated } 3 Septr 1891.
Despatched.
Received. 5th

Enclosures No.

General No. 1604
No.

Reports that a sum of Rs 4393.8.7 is held in Deposit towards Charitable purposes ge

Submitted for i. f.

Vide [illegible]

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No.

Bangalore 12th September 1881.

To,

The Assistant to the
Resident of Mysore.

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter No. $\frac{1365}{484}$ of 31st August conveying certain observations and instructions of the Officiating Resident relative to the employment of Sisters of Charity as nurses at the Bowring Civil Hospital.

2.- With reference to para 3 of your letter, there are not ~~as~~ so far as I can ascertain suitable houses now available in the immediate vicinity of the Bowring Hospital at a monthly rent of Rupees 30 or 40, but, as a considerable time will probably elapse before the sisters can arrive from Europe, there is of course a chance that suitable houses may fall vacant prior to their arrival.

3.- I am not prepared to recommend any reduction in the permanent Establishment, which, indeed, in the opinion of those who have had most opportunity of judging, is hardly sufficient for all the requirements of the Hospital. The Sisters are intended to supply what has hitherto

been

been wanting in the working of the Hospital, and it is not desirable that by reduction of Establishment (Consequent on their Coming) they should have their time interfered with by the attempt to perform extra work, in addition to their legitimate duties, which are both onerous and responsible.—

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant
Houston M.D.
Surgeon Major

P.S.

18*81*.

From

Surgⁿ Major Bowden M.D.

To

The Assistant to the
~~Secretary to Chief Commissioner of Mysore,~~
Resident of Mysore
~~Department.~~

Dated 12ᵗʰ September
Despatched
Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 535.
No. ditto } 1881

Subject

Regarding the employment of Sisters of Charity at the Bangalore Civil Hospital.

Submitted.

Maj [illegible] reported the amt of money [illegible] by the Municipality the other day but he has still to say what the Comm[illegible] think of applying it to the pay of the nurses.

Reasonable expectations of reducing the hospital staff must I think be abandoned.

13/9 [illegible]

Experience will show whether any reduction is
[illegible] Dr. [illegible] [illegible] there was a [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] about this
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No. 1850/41 Ec

Office of the Municipal Commission
Civil and Military Station,
Bangalore, 27 Septr. 1881
Dd 30 —

From
The President,
Municipal Commission
Civil and Military Station
Bangalore,

To
The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore.
Bangalore.

Sir,

Referring to your letter no: $\frac{1363}{483}$ dated 31st August 1881 relating to the proposed appointment of three sisters of Charity as nurses in the Bowring Civil Hospital, I have the honor to submit for the information of the Resident an Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commissioners dated 21st Instant para 10 from which it will be seen that the Board are of opinion that the proposal is an excellent one and that the charge may with the sanction of the Resident be defrayed from the moiety of Land Revenue set aside and lodged in the Madras Bank for charitable

purposes

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From

The President,
Municipal Commission,
Civil and Military Station,
Bangalore.

To

The Assistant to the Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore

Dated
Despatched. 27 September 1887
Received.

Enclosures No

General No. 1850
No. 582

R.D. Septr. 4 7-10-87

Forwards Extract of para of Board's Proceedings relating to the appointment of 3 Sisters of Charity as nurses in the Bowring Civil Hospital

purposes.

I have the honour to be
Sir
Your most obt. Servant

President Municipal Commission
Civil & Military Station Bangalore

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There is nothing now that seems to prevent my telling the Lady Superior that three Sisters will be entertained for the Bowring Hospital gladly as nurses ~~& paid~~ that 40 Rs a month will be contributed for the support of each = 120/- p.m. and that they will be ~~provided~~ with a house. It is true that, as I have heard from Dr. Benson, the house that was vacant is no longer to be

had but either that one, or some other can I have no doubt be got by the time the ladies arrive

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Yes. and inform Dr Houston and ask him to bear the matter of the house in mind only that there may be difficulty on this account when the Sisters arrive

6/10

Extract from the Proceedings of the Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore dated 21 September 1881.

Sisters of Charity to Bowring Civil Hospital

10. Read: Letter No: $\frac{1363}{683}$ dated 31st August 1881 from the Assistant to the Resident in Mysore relating to the proposed appointment of 3 Sisters of Charity as nurses in the Bowring Civil Hospital.

In reply the Board notes that the annual sum has not as yet been allotted to any definite purpose, that the same has been lodged with its current account in the Madras Bank and not invested; that the amount at credit is Rs: 4793„8„7, that the Board considers the proposal an excellent one.

True Extract

President Mu. Commission
Civil & Mily, Stn Bangalore
27. 9. 81.

Office of the Resident in Mysore
Bangalore 4th October 1881

To.

The Residency Surgeon
Bangalore

Sir,

Adverting to your memorandum of the 23rd August last on the proposal of employing three Sister of Charity as Nurses in the Bowring Hospital. I am desired by the Offic -ting Resident to forward for your information the accompanying Copy of a letter to the Lady Superior of the Convent of the Good Shepherd of this days date, intimating that three Sisters will be entertained as Nurses in connection with the above Institution.

The sum to be contributed for their support, and the amoun of House rent, will be met by the Municipality and will not interfere with the present Establishmen of the Hospital.

Mr. Sandford requests that you will bear the matter of

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the House in mind and endeavour to secure as convenient a residence as possible in order that there may be no difficulty on this point when the Sisters arrive.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.

Aſsistant to the President.

No. 1631/585.

Office of the Resident in Mysore
Bangalore 7th Octr 1881.

To
the Lady Superior
of the Convent of
the Good Shepherd

Madam

With reference to your letter of the 22d Augt: last, and previous correspondence on the subject of the employment of Sisters of Charity as Nurses in the Bowring Civil Hospital, I have now the honor by desire of the Offg Resident to inform you that three Sisters will be entertained ~~shortly~~ as Nurses in the above Institution and that Rs 40 a month will be contributed ~~towards~~ for the support of each - or Rs 120 pr month, in all, - They will further be provided with a House in the vicinity of the Hospital, and Mr Sandford will be obliged if you give as long notice as you can of the probable dates of the ladies' arrival so as to enable the requisite arrangements being completed.

I have &c.

Sd

Asst. Resident

(General Serial No. 31.)

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From

To The Lady Superior
of the Convent of
the Good Shepherd

Dated 7th October 1881

Despatched 8th ——

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 1631

No. 585.

Intimating that three Sisters will be entertained as Nurses in the Bowring Hospital on Rs. 40 a month each, or Rs. 120 in all, together with a House in the vicinity.

To Mr Cunningham Esq
Assistant to the Resident
Bangalore

Sir,

I beg to thank you, for your kind communication of the 7th inst: regarding the acceptance of three Sisters of Charity, as Nurses for the Bowring Civil Hospital. By the next outgoing mail I shall write for the Sisters, and inform them on what conditions they are accepted.

It may take three months or longer, before the Sisters' arrival at Bangalore, and if the necessary accommodations be not then completed, they may remain with us, till such time as they can take up their abode in the Hospital

I must now thank you for all the trouble, and kind interes you have taken in this matter, and I sincerely trust that the Sisters of Charity in charge of th Hospital will prove highly satisfactory to all interested.

I have the honor to be
Sir,
Your most Obedient Servant,
Sr. Mary of the Visitati
Superioress

Convent
10th Octr. 1881.

Convent of the Good Shepherd
Bangalore February 1882.

Sir James Gordon K.C.S.I.
Resident
Bangalore.

Sir.

Permit me to submit to your judgment the project of a charitable institution which we should like to establish in Bangalore, if it pleased Govt. to approve of it and to second us in its execution.

The Bowring Hospital, offering to the Native population of Bangalore every comfort and the best of medical attendance, makes the want of a similar establishment for Europeans and Eurasians more deeply felt, and though the Bowring Hospital could perhaps be enlarged for this purpose, its situation near the bazaars would always be a disagreeable one for European invalids and convalescents who would rather desire a quieter locality.

Many Planters, Miners and persons employed on Railways and in Districts, who on account of ill health are obliged to leave their respective homes, must either go to Hotels where they cannot possibly find proper nursing, or, if on account of their limited means they are not even able to undergo the expences of a Hotel must succomb under the weight of disease and poverty, especially if they have no relatives in this country.

Bangalore being considered as one of the healthiest Stations in India and being of easy access from many different districts would be admirably suited for such an establishment as we propose.

The Municipality having felt the want of dispensaries in different localities in Bangalore, where invalids could go for consultation at any hour of the day, it would be very easy to attach a dispensary to this Hospital for Natives as well as for Europeans.

If Govt. would kindly consider and approve of this project which has already met with the sympathy of many of the Officials in Bangalore who have been consulted on the subject, I would propose the question if, instead of enlarging the Bowring Hospital in favour of European invalids, it would not be preferable to choose a more suitable place far from the noise of the town and which could be more comfortably adapted to the customs and habits of Europeans. There are not many Europeans who would like to share a sick-room with another invalid, and this new Hospital could be divided into separate rooms where convalescents may stay until their

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complete recovery.

A large Bungalow with extensive grounds and situated in a healthy locality has been offered to the Convent for sale and this would suffice for a beginning until means would permit us to enlarge it. A subscription could be raised for the acquisition of this Bungalow, if Govt. would contribute towards it by granting an equivalent sum to that resulting from it.

yes, within a reasonable amount.

Further it would be desirable that Govt. should appoint:

121 yes – | 1st. A [121] civil Surgeon to attend the Hospital at certain hours morning and afternoon,

yes. | 2d. A [13] subordinate Medical Officer who should reside in the Hospital to prepare the remedies and receive the Natives for consultation.

no. | 3th. Some servants.

yes. | 4th. [14] that the necessary medicines should be provided.

no | 5th. A grant for the maintenance of the invalids who are unable to pay their board.

As the result of such an establishment is still unknown, it is impossible to determine the sum required per mensem for its maintenance.

I would only like to know if, and in how far I may expect Govt. to help me in the beginning and in the progress of this establishment. The sum at our disposal is a mere trifle but we hope that, if Govt. would kindly give its sanction and promise its

The whole of the [illegible] to be [illegible] on the understanding that the Hospital be [illegible] on [illegible] plan & [illegible] to the [illegible]

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aid to this project the public would not hesitate to subscribe largely to an undertaking so beneficial to hundreds of Sufferers.

Hoping that my suggestions will meet with your kind approval

I beg to remain

Sir,

Yours obediently

Sr. Mary of the Visitation

Superioress of the Convent.

approve of and to encourage in many ways.

The Subscription has realized until now about 12,000 Rs. which sum is far below the cost of such an establishment, and the Lady Superior sincerely trusts not to appeal in vain to Government for charitable assistance in this difficult undertaking and enable her thereby to a prompt execution of it.

Convent of the Good Shepherd,
Bangalore

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(General Serial No. 30.)

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From

~~*The Secretary to the Chief Commissioner*~~
of ~~Mysore,~~ ~~Department.~~
Revd D. Kerizac

To Secy Catholic Missi

Dated 6 March 1882

Despatched

Received 6-/ — —

Enclosures No.

General No.
No.

Intimates that the Sisters of Charity required for the Bowring Hospital are expected to reach Bangalore about Easter.

Dr. Houston & the Presdt. of the Muny may be informed in order that the house near the Hospl. may be got ready & the Muny may be prepared to meet the charges in connection with it & with the maintenance of the Sisters —

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Fm. The Resident to the Government

[illegible]

I have the honour to inform you that the Sisters of Charity engaged for the Bourbon Hospital are expected the end of August or thereabouts —

2. Relatively to the widow Bennett, I could get no information here; I have written to Pollary where there is a family of that name. I have also tried to get an examination made of the records of the Company's Pensioners, as if she had married again her ~~former~~ husband lost his pension, she must have become a pensioner herself after his decease.

I have the honour to be Sir,
Your most obedt. Servt.
A. de Morizonis
for the Resident

Madras
14th March 82.

(Manual Serial No. 31.)

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From

Asst. Resident.

To

Dr. Houston

Dated 10th March /82

Despatched 11th do

Received

Enclosures No.

General No. 3010/1130 & 3011/D320.

With reference to the correspondence ending with this Office No 1634/586 of the 7 October last in regard to the employment of three Sisters of Charity as Nurses in the Nursing Hospital, has the honor by desire to state that information has been received that they will probably arrive at Point Galle in the early part of next month, and to request that the necessary arrangements may

To Asst. Resident Munl. Comm. & Legislation No 929/140 of 21st July 82

be made
in order that the House
near the Hospital may
be got ready in time.

Asst Resident

No. 3011/D 320.

Copy of the above forwarded to the Presidt Municipal Commission for information with reference to his letter No 1850 dated 27 Sept 81.

The charges in connection with House rent and maintenance of the Sisters @ Rs 40 each or Rs 120 a month will be met from the Moiety of Land Revenue set aside for Charitable purposes

By order

Asst Resident

Dear Sir

There is a Bungalow now occupied by the Assist. Apothy of the Garrison Hospital, which I think will suit the expected Nuns - the Apothecary will I understand vacate it shortly, to occupy the new quarters intended for him, in the Garrison Hospital premises! There is also another dis-used smaller Bungalow, attached to the old

To the Major Genl.
Comdg the Mysore Division
Bangalore.

14th March 1882

Sir

I am directed by the Resident, to ~~enquire~~ ask if you would kindly allow three Lady Sisters of Charity who are about to arrive in Bangalore for work in the Bowring Civil Hospital ~~to occupy~~ live in the one of the two houses attached to the Canto Military Hospital, and which it is understood are about to be vacated.

The one at present occupied by Apothecary Clarke is believed to be the best suited for these ladies' requirements and I am directed to state that the rent of the house will be paid by the Bangalore Municipality.

I have the honor etc.

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From Brigade Surgn. Hood M.D.

To The Asstt. to the Resident ~~Secretary to Chief Commissioner of Mysore,~~
in [illegible]
~~Department.~~

Dated 13th
Despatched 13th March
Received

Enclosures No. 1

General No. 203 — } 18 —8 .
No.

Sir,

With reference to your No. 3016/1130 d/10th March I have the honor to report that accompanied by Honorary Surgeon Pereira of the Bowring Civil Hospital I yesterday visited the localities in the neighbourhood of the Hospital with the view of ascertaining if suitable accommodation for the 3 Sisters of Charity could be procured.

I regret to state that there is no suitable house -

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the property of a private owner - available at present in the immediate vicinity of the Hospital nor does there seem to be a prospect of any becoming soon vacant

There are however 2 houses attached to what was till lately the Garrison Hospital either of which might probably be made to suit the requirements of the Hospital, but these houses are the property of the Madras Government and cannot be made available without the sanction of the Military Authorities:

I enclose Mr Pereira's note on the subject for your perusal.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most Obedt Servant
Houston. M.D.
Brigade Surgeon

P.T.

No. 2353

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From

~~Offg~~ Asst to the Resident
The ~~Secretary to the Chief Commissioner~~ in Mysore
of ~~Mysore, General Department~~.

To The Major General
Commanding the Mysore Division
Bangalore.

Dated 14th March 1882.
Despatched 15th —
Received

Enclosures No

General No. 3045
No. 1147

Sir,

I am directed by the Resident to ask if you would kindly allow three Lady Sisters of Charity who are about to arrive in Bangalore for work in the Bowring Civil Hospital to live in one of the two houses attached to the late Military Hospital, and which it is understood are about to be vacated.

2. The one at present occupied by Apothecary Clarke is believed to be the best suited for these ladies' requirements, and I am directed to state that the rent of the house will be paid by the Bangalore Municipality

I have, &ca.

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~~Offg~~ Asst to the Residen

Head Quarters, Mysore Division.

Bangalore, 18 March 1882.

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No. 143.

From

Major General W. Payn C.B.

Commanding, Mysore Division.

To

The Resident

in Mysore

Bangalore

Sir,

In reply to your Secretary's letter applying for certain quarters being made available as residence for three Lady Sisters of Charity I have to inform you that I have thi day applied for sanction to the meas the result will be communicated t you in due course.

I have the honor t

Sir

Your Most Obedient Serva

W Payn Major Gen.

Commanding Mysore Divis

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From

Major General Commandg
Mysore Dn

Dated 18th March 1882
Received 21st. —

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No. 2142/1197

To the Lady Superioress
of the Convent of the Good Shepherd
Bangalore

22. 3. 82

Madam

I am directed by the Resident to acknowledge receipt of your letter regarding the ~~[illegible]~~ establishment of a Hospital at Bangalore for Europeans and Eurasians.

The Resident has perused your letter with much interest, & considers the project to be a good one, and calculated to meet the requirements which undoubtedly exist for such an Institution; at the same time he considers that were he ~~on behalf of Govt.~~ to grant all the aid which you suggest Govt. should give, the

Institution would (al
except in name) become
a Govt. one. And he
~~concurs~~ believes it would
be better were this no
to be so.

I am however to ~~acqu~~ infor
you that the Resident,
on behalf of Govt., is willin
to grant the following
aid –

1st That if a Subn. be raised
for the formation of the
above institution, Govt.
will, within a reasonable
amount, contribute toward
it; #altho' it will not
consider itself bound
to contribute a sum equivalent
to that realized by public
subscription, ~~it may
give~~

2d The Resident agrees
to appoint a Civil Surgeon
to attend the Hospital at
a certain hour daily.

3d He will also appoint
a Subordinate Medical
Officer to reside in the
Hospital.

4th The Resident does
not agree to allow any
[illegible] for the Hospita

as he considers the wages
of such employees should
be met ~~with~~ from funds
subscribed by the public
for keeping up the Institution.
5th ~~4th~~ The Resident agrees
to supply the necessary
medicines for use of
the patients in the hospital.
6th But he will not
sanction a grant for
the maintenance of the
invalids who are unable
to pay their board -

It must be clearly
understood that the
above concessions are
granted on the under-
-standing that the
Institution be conducted
on principles and
in a manner to be
approved by the Govt. -

Have &c H.W.

H 17.1 of 1882

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To

Lady Superioress
of the Convent of
Good Shepherd
Bangalore

Dy 22d }
Desp. 23d } March/82.

Enc: No

No. 2141
1197

Regarding the Establishment of a Hospital at Bangalore for European & Eurasians.